

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 RSR-01 OMB-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07

H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01

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SY-10 USSS-00 FBO-01 /136 W  
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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6015

INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMCONSUL MADRAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, IN, IR

SUBJ: PROTEST AGAINST US SALE OF ARMS TO IRAN

1. ON AUGUST 6 ABOUT 20 MEMBERS OF THE FORWARD BLOC, A SMALL NATIONALIST/SOCIALIST PARTY, GATHERED AT THE EMBASSY TO PROTEST THE US SALE OF ARMS TO IRAN. TWO MEMBERS OF THE PARTY HAD PREVIOUSLY APPEARED AT THE EMBASSY (JULY 31) AND PRESENTED A PETITION OUTLINING THEIR FEAR THAT ARMS SOLD TO IRAN MIGHT BE USED BY PAKISTAN TO ATTACK INDIA. THIS TIME THEIR PETITION ASKED WHY THERE HAD BEEN NO PRESS STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT NIXON GIVING ASSURANCES THAT US ARMS WOULD NOT BE SUPPLIED TO PAKISTAN AND "USED AGAINST INDIA AS IN THE PREVIOUS WAR." THE PETITION CONCLUDED THAT FURTHER AGITATION ON THE ISSUE WOULD COME UNLESS THE FORWARD BLOC RECEIVED A REPLY. AFTER A BRIEF SIT-DOWN DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY GATE, THE GROUP DISPERSED.

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2. THE FORWARD BLOC HAS ALMOST NO PUBLIC FOLLOWING AND ITS  
ACTIVITIES RECEIVE LITTLE PUBLICITY. IT APPEARS TO BE ESPOUSING  
A POPULAR CAUSE IN ORDER TO GAIN ATTENTION. THE EMBASSY  
DOES NOT PLAN TO RESPOND TO ITS PETITIONS.  
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